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Election/Restrictions

1. This application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention:

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| Specie A | directed to a substrate holder as disclosed in Fig 1A and 1B. |
| Specie B | directed to a substrate holder of Fig 2A and 2B. |
| Specie C | directed to a substrate holder as disclosed in Fig 2C and 2D. |
| Specie D | directed to a substrate holder of Fig 3. |
| Specie E | directed to a substrate holder as disclosed in Fig 4A, 4B and 4C. |
| Specie F | directed to a substrate holder of Fig 4D, 4E and 5. |
| Specie G | directed to a substrate holder as disclosed in Fig 6A, 6B and 6C. |
| Specie H | directed to a substrate holder of Fig 6A, 7B and 7C. |
| Specie I | directed to a substrate holder as disclosed in Fig 8A, and 8B. |
| Specie J | directed to a substrate holder of Fig 9. |

2. Applicant is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect a single disclosed specie for prosecution on the merit to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. Claims 1-3 and 24-26 are generic to all species from A to J.

3. Applicant is advised that a reply to this requirement must include an identification of the species that is elected consonant with this requirement, and a listing of all claims readable thereon, including any claims subsequently added. An argument that a claim is allowable or that all claims are generic is considered nonresponsive unless accompanied by an election.

4. Upon the allowance of a generic claim, applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the

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limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 CFR 1.141. If claims are added after the election, applicant must indicate which are readable upon the elected species. MPEP § 809.02(a).

5. Should applicant traverse on the ground that the species are not patentably distinct, applicant should submit evidence or identify such evidence now of record showing the species to be obvious variants or clearly admit on the record that this is the case. In either instance, if the examiner finds one of the inventions unpatentable over the prior art, the evidence or admission may be used in a rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) of the other invention.

6. Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art as shown by their different classification, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

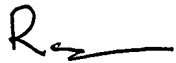
7. Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include an election of the invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed (37 CFR 1.143). Applicant is reminded that upon the cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention, the inventorship must be amended in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(b) if one or more of the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim remaining in the application. Any amendment of inventorship must be accompanied by a request under 37 CFR 1.17 (i).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ram N. Kackar whose telephone number is 571 272 1436. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:00 A.M to 5:P.M.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Parviz Hassanzadeh can be reached on 571 272 1435. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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